

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular workshop session on this Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida, with the following members present to wit: Richard Hoffman, District No. 1; Douglas Gilpin, Vice Chairman, District No. 2; Don Burgess, District No. 3; Garry Breeden, Chairman, District No. 4; and Randy Mask, 2nd Vice Chairman, District No. 5. The following individuals were also present and acting in their respective official capacities: Gary Kuhl, Public Works Director; John Lege, Finance Director; and Connie Webb, Deputy Clerk. Chairman Breeden announced that Mr. Kuhl would be conducting the meeting in Bradley Arnold's absence.

### **1. Presentation - Kimley-Horn and Associates - Florida's Turnpike Interchange at County Road 468**

Gary Kuhl, Public Works Director, introduced Ryan Wetherell, Project Manager. Mr. Wetherell gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the proposed interchange. The interchange will be located approximately five miles north of the CR 470 interchange and four miles south of the US 301 interchange. The need is based on the fact that this is an area that continues to grow. It will provide a reliever to US 301 and US 27. The project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be ramps to and from the south with a projected opening in 2014. The second phase will be ramps to and from the north with an undetermined opening date at this time. The project is currently in the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan. The Villages is committed to funding and construction through Phase 1. Following Phase 1 they would turn over these ramps to the Turnpike Enterprise along with the associated right-of-way. The Public Hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2009 at Colony Cottage. The open house will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the formal presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. Documentation for this public hearing will be available 21 days prior to the hearing at Colony Cottage and the Turnpike Enterprise at the Turkey Lake Service Plaza.

Mr. Kuhl advised that the County is attempting to coordinate the completion of the 4-laning of CR 468 from SR 44 to the Turnpike with this project.

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### **2. Roadway Projects**

Mr. Kuhl gave an update on County projects currently in progress as well as County and FDOT projects scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

County Projects - CR 475 was opened yesterday (October 19, 2009) to public traffic. There was some discussion about concerns with trucks using this as a route to bypass the scales on I-75. Mr. Kuhl advised that he has been in contact with the Sheriff's Office about this. The Morse Boulevard project should be completed by Thanksgiving. The C-470 project

from the Turnpike to the Interstate is complete and there will be a ribbon cutting scheduled for November. The C-48E and C-476W projects are out for bid with the bids to be opened on November 2, 2009. The CR 528 project requires a retention area on the north side and east end of the road near SR 471. They are coordinating with the School Board on this. The C-470 Trail/Sidewalk project should go out for bid in November. The C-466A Phase II project should be under construction in 2010.

FDOT Projects - There was discussion on the SR 35 (US 301) resurfacing project from the Turnpike to north of NE 110 Road and the need for a traffic signal at CR 472. The FDOT does not feel a traffic signal is warranted, however, they are willing to hold discussions to see if there might be some other options.

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### **3. Other Discussion**

Mr. Kuhl will contact CSX Railroad regarding concern expressed by Commissioner Burgess of the speed of a train going through Bushnell during the Fall Festival.

There was discussion regarding the representation of Sumter County on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Currently Sumter County has one voting representative. It was the impression of the Board that they would be acquiring two more voting positions for Sumter County for a total of three (two County Commissioners and one representative from the cities). However, according to the documentation Commissioner Burgess has received it appears there will only be one additional position which will be a city representative. As the Board representative, Commissioner Burgess will look into this further.

Chairman Breeden advised that there are workshops scheduled for November and December, however, there currently are no topics for discussion. The general consensus was to discuss this further on October 27, 2009. There will also be discussion on cancelling the December 22, 2009 meeting and holding it on December 29, 2009.

Commissioner Burgess inquired if there is an inventory of the signs in the County. Mr. Kuhl will provide the information.

### **4. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.